

# GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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## **BEST BET: Antares World (8th race)**

### **First Race: 1.Hexbreaker 2.East Indian 3.Punch Up**

HEXBREAKER and EAST INDIAN hooked up on long layoffs last time. Hexbreaker set the pace before fading in the lane. He should be much tighter here with a race under his belt following an eight-month layoff. This track is a hard one for speed horses to go wire-to-wire on in their comebacks, but he'll be much tighter today. East Indian stalked the top pick last time and outfinished him after nearly three months on the sidelines. Rail draw not overly helpful, but he does have enough speed to avoid any problems based on the draw. PUNCH UP has been a runner-up in his past two starts after a victory against easier in a confidence-building spot. Distant but easy second as field paraded home in single file early.

### **Second Race: 1.Bear Market 2.Atchafalaya Bay 3.Champagne Kisses**

BEAR MARKET could be a bull market choice here. Her stock is on the rise as she has earned a larger and larger check in each of her past three starts on the turf. Seems better on turf than main track. ATCHAFALAYA BAY has chased the top pick in each of their past two starts. Blinkers go on after a slight dip last time. Don't know how much good blinkers will do, but he has handled the turf pretty well. CHAMPAGNE KISSES seems to have decent turf potential and is coming off better-than-looks start at this level. Has never been a factor yet, but you'll get juicy prices when she hits the board.

### **Third Race: 1.America's Kid 2.Strong Belief 3.Uncle Mim**

Too much was asked of AMERICA'S KID last time out in his first try here since the summer. Dropping from the \$12,500 level to \$4,000. Opened up last time but will be meeting much tougher here. STRONG BELIEF was exiled to Los Alamitos when down south. He's dropping a notch here but remains in conditioned company for this. Seems consistent enough, and he could be a much stronger factor given the quality of the competition here. UNCLE MIM is 1-for-30, but he also has 11 seconds and three thirds. Hence the concept of backing him in exotics took flight.

### **Fourth Race: 1.Heart's Music 2.Count Me Twice 3.Gloria Jeanne**

HEART'S MUSIC moves back to what seems to be her favorite surface and level today. She's won two straight turf races for this tag and didn't run all that badly last time when she met better on the main track. Her late-running style is perfect for turf. COUNT ME TWICE stepped up to this level and returned to the turf last time after beating easier on the main track. She was forced very wide on the second turn and ran out of gas late, but she has handled the turf in the past and won here at this level this spring. GLORIA JEANNE chased the top two picks in her past two turf starts. Making third start off a layoff and was unlucky to lose her last when carried wide. Justice prevailed, and she was put up, and now she should be set for her best as she tries for her first turf victory.

### **Fifth Race: 1.Island Drifter 2.Huzyurhuckleberry 3.Rich Mocha**

ISLAND DRIFTER won at first asking at the bottom level at Pleasanton and had been meeting better in the winners' ranks. Dropped to this bottom level for winnings last time, dueled and finished well but lost a photo. That was a sharp effort he can build on and marked a return to the style he showed in his maiden victory. HUZUYRHUCKLEBERRY returned from a seven-week layoff and was placed at this level. Didn't do all that much in his first start but showed improvement last time. Lack of early foot is something he must overcome, but he's always run well here. RICH MOCHA has turned into quite a nibbler of late, picking up show dough in his past three starts. Gets in light today with an apprentice, but he's going in good form so the weight break could help a bit.

### **Sixth Race: 1.Blue On Black 2.Book It Thunder 3.Roaring to Go**

BLUE ON BLACK is on something of a roll in his past three starts in which he's shown improvement. Missed by only a neck last time when he stalked and really seemed to kick into gear in the lane. Has enough speed to place himself in good position early. BOOK IT THUNDER can use his quickness and rail draw to get a fast jump on his rivals. He's been a beaten favorite in his past two starts and drops for this after regressing last time out. ROARING TO GO sat close early before tiring in the lane in his debut. Barn doesn't waste time and drops him to the bottom level. Has worked decently since his debut run and gets the leading jockey today.

### **Seventh Race: 1.Taipei Dragon 2. Just Heat 3.Surfer Dave**

TAIPEI DRAGON took advantage of a two-month fresher, a drop in class and a return to the turf as he put everything together to earn a maiden victory in wire-to-wire style last time. He's meeting better today, and with maiden winners there is always the question of just how good their competition might have been in that victory. He could prove tough to catch again today. JUST HEAT has a magic name in his pedigree. The sire is Unusual Heat, and his runners win an unbelievably high number of their turf debuts. He's running for a good barn after finishing third against similar in his debut here on the main track. Has a decent maintenance work since raced and gets the services of the leading rider. SURFER DAVE, like the top pick, graduated off a layoff when dropped and switched to the turf. Stalked and made a strong move while four wide to get the win. Same rider scored wins on him and the top pick, and the rider sticks with the older runner here.

### **Eighth Race: 1.Antares World 2.Salty Fries 3.Bleach Blonde**

Trainer Steve Specht has never hidden the fact he thinks ANTARES WORLD has the ability and temperament to be a special horse. She graduated by nine two races back and won her first start at today's distance even though she got knocked sideways into the lane and bumped repeatedly down the stretch. Routing will be her best game, and she should be better here with a clean trip. SALTY FRIES ran well last time when second to the top pick, although she trailed her every step of the way and did bump her. She won at Del Mar and Santa Anita and has been second in both of her starts here. BLEACH BLONDE will likely offer more value than City to City. She has won two turf routes and then finished third behind the top two picks in her first route try on the main track. Blinkers go on, and bettors have more than tripled their money when the barn makes that move.

### **Ninth Race: 1.Summer Sunshine 2.Illusive Dealer 3.Mypromisetwojoan**

SUMMER SUNSHINE showed improvement when stretched out and switched to turf last time. Today blinkers go on and he returns to the main track. Has a sharp three-furlong gate drill as barn seems interested in getting him sharper. He's coupled with Saw the Globe, who dropped to this level and did little last time. ILLUSIVE DEALER is inconsistent, but he's the name of the game for bottom-level maidens. Has some potential. Will be tough against his older foes if he runs his best. MYPROMISETWOJOAN drops a notch and stretches out here. Did show some improvement last time. Will be making his first run around two turns but seems to have enough breeding no to have to worry about the distance.